



## VISIT TO RUSSIA: OPC's CECIL BROWN REPORTS

**Touring With 23 Americans, The Browns Find Soviet Man Not So Sold On Communism As Kremlin Would Have Us Believe.**

by Cecil Brown

Moscow

As the ultimate test of American patience, perseverance and mental stability, a trip to Russia is heartily recommended. The proper name of this country is the "Union of Soviet Socialist Frustrations."

A double shock awaits the American visitor when he discovers methods and manners in Lenin-grad, Kiev and Moscow, the three cities which we visited on this tour with twenty three Americans. First, life is twenty-five to fifty years behind the times here.



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Second, almost all criticisms expressed for so long about the Soviet Union turn out to be surprisingly correct.

Russia is obviously eager to have American visitors. But The Kremlin is determined to prevent them from making contact with the Russian people, who appear more fearful of America dropping bombs on Russia than we are that Russia will attack us. Therefore, the Soviets have a real interest in preventing Americans from personally contacting their citizens and changing this propaganda idea.

I believe the benefits would have been tremendous if the U.S. State Department had permitted approximately two thousand American university students to attend the World Youth Festival in Russia in July, ready to explain a free way of life and ready to debate the Communist system on the Reds' home ground.

Despite the superb Russian ballet and excellent theater, the most striking impression I have gained is the monotony of the lives of the people. Any American senator, state legislator or individual

who pines to put a strait jacket on freedom of thought and expression should be forced to visit Russia in order to see dreadful conformity, deadly boredom and fearsome passivity.

Revolution is definitely not in the air. But discontent and grumbling is increasing. People express more openly criticism of housing, yearn for more contact with foreigners, less tangled bureaucracy and more sensible answers to puzzling questions.

We visited a collective farm in the Ukraine and came away filled with the largest, most delicious strawberries on the face of the earth, and with a definite impression of Russian farmers. They are no different from farmers in Yugoslavia

## Dr. Miller's Helpful Hints for Newsmen

*Robert C. Miller of UP, now touring the South Sea Islands, has volunteered some solid advice on what a correspondent should take with him when venturing into off-the-beaten-track places. Formerly UP manager for Australia, he knows whereof he speaks: Miller has been knocking around the world since 1942 when, as a war correspondent, he landed with the Marines on Guadalcanal.*

*Miller went into Paris with General Patton's army, was wounded by German shrapnel at Verdun, covered the German war crimes trials and the Arab-Jewish war. He has reported clashes in India and Pakistan, the Korean War and the fighting in Indo-China. His advice follows:*

**"Spare parts are a problem.** Just try to get a new pair of glasses in Tabriz or a typewriter ribbon in the Solomons.

**Doctor Miller's bag of assorted pills and powders** kept the Korean war reporters going when penicillin, paregoric and laxatives were scarce, and his popularity dropped when the medical kit was lost in the evacuation of Taejon.

**Stick with the British** when the going gets rough. Their Foreign Office people are usually more experienced than ours, have better contacts, and are more re-

or anywhere else. They do not want collectivization.

As a matter of fact, my impression of Russian Communism is that it is suffering from a familiar ailment. People here are like people elsewhere - interested in private ownership and profits. Here is one of the basic fallacies and immense contradictions of Leninism.

The idea of taking a group of twenty persons to Russia seemed perfect in theory, but turned out to be only moderately successful in terms of people-to-people communication. From a journalistic point of view, it proved that he travels fastest who travels alone.

Pause and shed a tear for American correspondents stationed in Moscow. They are forced to accept minimum living accommodations and are denied personal contact with Russians. They are beset by the most awful frustrations - but enjoy the privilege and opportunity to cover the most fascinating and critical story of our times.

laxed with reporters.

**Know your communications!** No story is a story until it's printed. Protect yourself by filing in duplicate and back-stopping by other means of transmission. Many a front-page story has arrived by airmail or air express.

**Always wear black shoes;** you can wear them with formal attire, thus saving three pounds of precious baggage weight. A plastic air pillow is a foreign reporter's best friend, and can be used to comfort the weary head, insulate hard

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## Club Calendar

**Tues., July 2** - Open House - "How We Cover Moscow." *Whitman Bassow*, staff correspondent of UP since 1955. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., buffet supper.

**Tues., July 9** - Open House - Panel Discussion of United Nations Report on Hungarian Revolt. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., buffet supper. (see story p. 7.)

**Wed., July 17** - All-day outing at West Point. Reservations, \$3.00, at OPC. (See story, p. 2.)



## JUNKET TO WEST POINT SLATED FOR JULY 17

Lt. Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, has invited OPC members to be his guests at West Point on Wednesday July 17. Capt. William T. Bowley, Public Information Office, is preparing a program of special interest to OPCers.

Arrangements are being made for round-trip transportation, if possible by boat, and refreshments during the trip. Food and drink will be served and transport arrangements will be announced in *The Overseas Press Bulletin* and posted on the OPC bulletin board.

Reservations, at \$3.00, may be made at the OPC. Each member may bring one guest.

Arrangements are being made by Joe Peters, Special Events Committee, and Joe Glynn.

## HOUSE RULE NO. 5 REVISED

The total amount of checks which may be signed by a member in any one day shall not exceed \$25. Any abuse of the privilege shall be reported to the Treasurer by the chairman of the House Operations Committee — with possible referral to the Board of Governors.

The Treasurer calls member's attention to the rule requiring the signature of the member and his charge account number on Bar and restaurant checks.

## NEW OPC APPLICATION FORMS

Revised forms for OPC membership application are available at the Club office and the Receptionist's desk. These blanks include the new provisions regarding eligibility for membership as adopted at the last annual meeting of the membership April 30.

Henry Cassidy,  
Chairman, Admissions Committee

Tillman Durdin, *N.Y. Times*, has returned to the Far East, where he put in close to twenty years before he joined the city staff early in 1956. He will work out of Hong Kong

## THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB Officers and Board

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## BUGHER GIVES OPCers "THE INSIDE ON FALL-OUT"

Bill Berns, chairman of the Luncheon Committee (standing), checks the dining room June 20 when Dr. John C. Bugher, director of the Public Health and Medical Education Division of the Rockefeller Foundation (right), told OPCers "The Inside on Fall-Out." Bugher, an authority on the biological effects of fall-out, discussed the physical activity and relative danger of nuclear post-explosion atmosphere in an off-the-record address. On Bugher's left is Lin Root who made introductory speech.

## GREEK F.P.A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Foreign Press Ass'n. of Greece elected the following members to its Executive Committee on June 18:

President, Sam Modiano (Reuters); Vice President, Michael Wilson (Radio Free Europe); Secretary, Alec Kitroeff (INS); Treasurer, Chronis Protopappas (*Daily Mail*); and counsellors Alexander C. Sedgwick (*N.Y. Times*), Alkaios Angelopoulos (INS), and Dimitri Travlos (AP).

An operation for bursitis kept Felix Belair from returning to his post in Stockholm with the *N.Y. Times* early in June, as scheduled. He expects to go back the end of the month.

## PEOPLE & PLACES...

Thurston Macauley back in Darmstadt, Germany, *Stars and Stripes* headquarters after nine months as London correspondent; Eyre and Spottiswoode will bring out a United Kingdom edition of his *The Great Horse Omnibus - from Homer to Hemingway* in the fall. Charles Campbell, Roy Bernard Co., on month's tour of Germany, Austria, and British Isles for stories.

Gene Rider, WCKR Miami, back from a month's vacation in Scandinavia. Spencer Williams, Press and Publications Director of American Committee for Liberation, back from five weeks in Europe. Jack Frummer admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Abel Banov, undergoing surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Julien Bryan won a Gold Medal at Golden Reel Assembly for his film on New York Stock Exchange.

Joe Aspiras, outgoing president of the Manila Press Club and political columnist with *Manila Evening News*, lunched at OPC during his six-months' round-the-world-trip. Richard Cohen won \$750 in television playwriting contest in St. Louis. James M. Connolly reappointed chairman of Publications Committee of Int'l. Advertising Ass'n. George A. and Geraldine Fitch at Lake George for the summer before returning to Taipei.

Boleslaw Wierzbianski Europe-bound to attend conferences and do stories for NANA. William Houlton of William Houlton and Assoc. on a round-the-world trip. Christine Hotchkiss, *Reader's Digest*, flew into Warsaw June 3 to gather material for her book on Poland 1957; at the Bristol Hotel in early June she saw Russell Jones, UP; Tony Cavendish, UP; Sydney Gruson, *N.Y. Times*; Colin Frost, AP, and Ed Hughes, *Time*, many of them covering the Poznan Fair.

Although the OPC tour to Japan has been called off, John Barkham, *Saturday Review*, is making the trip on his own; he will visit the Tokyo and Hong Kong press clubs. John Strohm, editor of *Ford's Almanac* back from Mexico. Home leave will bring Bob Trumbull, *N.Y. Times* Tokyo bureau chief, into New York next month.

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## Beals Charges Intimidation

The U.S. Embassy announced it is investigating "gross efforts" by the Haitian Army to intimidate an American newsman covering Haiti for two foreign publications.

According to a UP report from Port-au-Prince, Carleton Beals told Ambassador Gerald Drew that armed Haitian soldiers "burst into my hotel room without warning while I was in a state of undress." He said the troops forced the hotel manager to open his door.

Beals, author of a number of books on Latin America, is reporting the Haitian crisis for the *New Statesman and Nation* of London and the *Paris Observateur*.

### OPCers WIN HONORARY DEGREES

William L. Laurence, science editor of the *N.Y. Times*, was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Yeshiva University on June 10. A Doctor of Laws degree was conferred on Roy Larsen, president of *Time* magazine, at the same time.

### OPEN HOUSE: JULY 2

Don't forget Open House in honor of *Whitman Bassow* July 2! Bassow, UP staff correspondent in Moscow and *Overseas Press Bulletin* correspondent will discuss the foreign press situation in the U.S.S.R. today.

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Called the "Toots Shor's of the West Coast," the "Pen & Quill" restaurant is run by a former Reuter's war correspondent and part-time parachutist, Robert Reuben.

When Reuben left the grime and glamor of his correspondent's days, he decided to go into the restaurant business. So he took over the old "Pen & Quill" in Manhattan Beach, California. Last September, a modernized and revamped "Pen & Quill" restaurant opened, with Reuben as owner and host. Among other glamorous additions to the facilities is a two story entrance-way where guests are greeted by the polished and suave Host. The entrance way is framed on one side with a unique modern fireplace; on the other side, a curved hand-rail and suspended stairs lead to the second floor. The bar, designed for real comfort and relaxation, has several murals depicting various chapters in Reuben's foreign news career, such as the South Pole, Normandy Invasion, and views of the Orient. It boasts of a modern yet intimate cocktail lounge which seats over a hundred people. Throughout the restaurant is plushy, modern decor that would make New York's maitre d's blush with shame.

Reuben, remembered in Col. Barney Oldfield's *Never A Shot In Anger* (which was the subject of an OPC Book Evening in January) claims that Oldfield "conned" him into parachute school. Oldfield says, in describing his efforts to persuade war correspondents to parachute into Normandy on D-Day, "Reuters turned out to be a goldmine because, though British, it had an eager-beaver American named Robert Reuben from Omaha, Neb., who hankered for the

paratrooper assignment."

Reuben still keeps his hand active in journalistic endeavors by publishing a lively little paper. *Pen & Quill Table Talk*. It's published "now and then for



Novelist and magazine writer Dick Gehman brings actress Natalie Wood to the Pen & Quill for dinner. Host Bob Reuben greets them.

the entertainment and edification of diners at the Pen & Quill Restaurant," according to the masthead. Issues carry by-lines of *Daniel Schorr*, *Merrill Mueller*, *Robert Ruark*, and *Ira Schwartz*.

Through with reporting and parachuting now, Reuben only goes to prove that its not a very big jump from filing features to filet mignon, when you're a man with a purpose.



## life today:

## SWASHBUCKLING FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT IS NO LONGER

by Irene Corbally Kuhn

The great, big, wonderful world of the foreign correspondent isn't what it used to be. Since the end of World War II, the exotic, faraway places have been telescoped into virtual suburbs of the United States; the dashing, daring typewriter brigade can no longer come swanking home from places the average man could never hope to see. The globe-girdling planes have changed all that. Everybody goes everywhere nowadays.

The swashbuckling correspondent has subsided into a bureau chief with budget worries and a staff of native helpers. The girls, from Tehran to Timbuctoo, are all busy training to become "women leaders" like Mme. Pandit or bucking for tax-free jobs in the UN's peace factory.

The Cold War doesn't give a man a chance to finish his drink in one country before the alert sounds and he's off, chasing the UN's emergency apparatus to another world capital. All the tensions and turmoil of the rising tide of nationalism in excitable areas are afflicting newsmen with a new occupational disease, a kind of intellectual malaria.

What was it like before?

## Paris' Chicago Tribune

Well, there was Paris when the *Chicago Tribune's* European edition, born in the trenches, was the lusty, Mid-Western usurper in territory that had been claimed earlier by the haughty and elegant *Herald*. The rivalry was intense, a running, rip snorting feud.

Boss of the Paris *Tribune* was Floyd Gibbons, the greatest foreign correspondent of them all, a man who lived every minute of every day as if it were his last. He saw more with his one bright blue eye than most men see with two. He was not only a great newspaperman, he was a showman with a genius for living.

The *Herald's* boss was Larry Hills, an able, experienced man, the exact opposite temperamentally of the exuberant, laughing, shouting Gibbons and a prime target for Gibbons' devilry. Gibbons ran a streamer of print every day across the top of the *Tribune's* front page: "The only newspaper in Europe edited entirely by Americans."

## To Annoy Hills

He admitted frankly he ran it just to annoy Larry Hills, for Larry had a staff of French, English, Spanish, Italian and one Maltese. The idea, of course, was to get the *Tribune* noticed and talked about and bought. He kept an editorial all set in type explaining the meaning of the streamer, and Larry Hills knew it.

What Hills didn't know was that Gibbons had no intention of running it. He just tortured Larry with the possibility that some day he might.

When a big story was breaking at the *Tribune* no one could take time to go out for a drink. It was a long walk downstairs, through the composing room the corridor, and down the street to the bistro of Madame Guillot next to the Petit Journal Building where the *Tribune* was printed. The parched night staff figured out a short cut between their thirst and satisfaction.

## "Madame! Biere!"

The kitchen windows of Guillot's were within yelling distance of the *Tribune's* windows. We took turns leaning out and screaming "Hey, Madame! Biere! Biere! Pour le Chicago Tribune!"

Soon a disheveled, overworked *garcon* appeared in the window, took our shouted order, and climbed through into the courtyard while we lowered the francs—always the money first—and then a bright, tin pail on a long stout cord. He disappeared inside, and when he returned with the pail filled to the brim, we hoisted it up gently. We became so expert we scarcely disturbed the foam.

Those were the days.

Life among the correspondents was still more casual than complicated even in war-time Chungking. The present Ambassador from Free China to the United States, Columbia-educated Hollington K. Tong, a newspaperman himself, was China's Minister of Information. He cut all the red tape around wartime shortages and ordered a Press Hostel built to provide a few of the amenities of decent living for correspondents.

## Cocktails and Bath

The correspondents who lived there entertained the diplomatic set at cocktails in the "garden." There was only one path to the showers, and dirty, sweaty new arrivals, in bathrobe and slippers, soon learned to walk past the formerly-attired pukka sahibs in their white linen mess jackets, bowing and exchanging greetings while clutching a flapping bathrobe and hanging on to a towel, soap and miscellaneous gear.

When the Japanese surrendered and we all returned to Shanghai, old China hands coming out of internment camps slapped each other on the back, congratulating themselves that it was all over at last and everything would be back to normal again. And, for a while, it was like that everywhere. In Paris and Rome and Shanghai and Peking, it

seemed as if the impossible had been achieved; that life would, indeed, go on as it had in "the good old days" before Hitler and Mussolini and Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima.

Alas, for man's wishful thinking and all his wistful dreaming! In the push button world of today, nothing is as it was, and it never will be again. The foreign correspondent's life is—to steal a phrase—a bed of neuroses.

He is no longer a gypsy around the world, with his office in his hat. He reaches now for an aspirin or a tranquilizing pill, instead of a Napoleon brandy. He worries all the time about everything, from the state of the world, to his split-second plane connections. He is inclined to take himself much too seriously, and cultivates a variety of opinions on many subjects. He writes books and articles on "I Was There." He diets to keep his figure, rubs hormone cream in his hair and buys expensive wardrobes, for he expects to be tapped for guest appearances on TV whenever he arrives anywhere from somewhere else. He is a busy, important man these days, full of ulcers and awards.



Irene Corbally Kuhn is a distinguished author, free-lance writer and syndicated newspaper columnist. She has had a varied career as a foreign correspondent in many parts of the world. Her taste for roving has taken her through the Mid-East, Far East, Europe and Africa on assignments for INS, NBC, the New York World Telegram and the Chicago Tribune.

## BENEFIT FUND FOR ZURLINDEN

The Los Angeles Press Club and the Los Angeles Chapter of the Marine Corps Correspondents Ass'n. are holding a benefit show in Los Angeles for the family of Peter Zurlinden, former INS and AP correspondent in the Far East who died recently of a heart attack.

OPCers wishing to donate to the fund may make checks payable to the Peter Zurlinden Memorial Fund, Los Angeles Press Club, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif.

Zurlinden was working for the *Los Angeles Times* at the time of his death.



## Newsman's Guide To Berlin

**Sketch of country:** Berlin is a divided city, two-thirds of which is technically Western-occupied territory. The city is located in the heart of Communist Germany. One-third of the city comes under the control of the East German Communist government, which has its headquarters in East Berlin but is, to some extent, still supervised by Soviet occupation authorities. West Berlin's city authorities go out of their way to help U.S. or other foreign newsmen. Officials are easily available and give all the help possible. The same holds true for the British, French and U.S. military and civilian information offices. East Berlin officials are not as accessible or helpful; in fact, they are less available than contacts at the Russian embassy. Newsmen often get a run-around, being sent from the Russians to the East German Foreign Office and back again. Visas to East Germany are rarely issued to American newsmen; however, exceptions are the rule, especially when it is felt a magazine or newspaper publication might do the Communists some good.

**Where newsmen stay:** There are several excellent hotels. Most newsmen prefer the Savoy, but many of them stop at the Kempinski or Hotel am Zoo. Undoubtedly, the Hilton Berlin, which opens next year, will become a headquarters for American correspondents. Hotels in East Berlin cannot compare to those in West Berlin for service and comfort. A newsman can stay in East Berlin hotels only with a valid East German or Russian visa.

**Where newsmen drink:** A popular hang-out is the Maison de France restaurant and bar, located on top of the French information building overlooking the fashionable Kurfuerstendamm (the Fifth Avenue of West Berlin). The bartender, Freddy Bielemann, an old-timer from Adlon Hotel days, knows many of the foreign newsmen personally and mixes probably the best drinks in Germany. The Maison de France is used also as a meeting place for the Foreign Press Ass'n. Often frequented by American newsmen is the U.S. Army's Harnack House bar. The best and most popular of nightspots is the Old-Fashioned Bar on Kurfuerstendamm.

**Government regulations restricting entry of journalists and filing of copy:** There are no restrictions governing entry of U.S. newsmen to West Berlin. Any U.S. citizen can enter West Berlin without a special visa and reside for three months without formal authorization. If he wants to stay longer, he must obtain a residence permit through the local police. The West Berlin Senate Press Office will assist in obtaining it. Filing facilities are available through Deutsche Post which will accept all credit cards. Copy may not be filed or telephoned from East Berlin since lines to West Berlin are cut, so all stories must be filed from West Berlin. Telephone calls and telegrams direct from East German cities to cities in the West are possible.

**Government information sources:** Dr. Hans Hirschfeld, chief of the West Berlin Senate Press Office, speaks perfect English and is helpful to American newsmen. His office can handle almost any request for help. There is also Herr Wrasmann, chief of the Bonn Government Press Section in Berlin, who can line up anything connected with Bonn authorities headquartered here. Very helpful are Lieut. Col. Jack Westrooke, U.S. Army PIO, and his civilian counterpart, Al Peterson, who is Senior Information Officer for the U.S. Mission in Berlin. In East Berlin, things are more difficult, especially since appointments cannot be made by telephone because of cut lines. East German Foreign Office Press Chief is Stephan Heymann who has several deputies helping him. They are located at the Foreign Office at Luisenstrasse 56, not far from the sector border, behind Brandenburg Gate. Some of the people in the Foreign Office Press Branch speak English. Chief of East German Government Press Office is Herr Beyling, located at the Nationalrat building on Thaelmannplatz (once Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry), and just a few steps across the sector border. He is not easily accessible and usually not much help.

**Other good people to know:** British Senior Information Officer George Turner, handles all requests concerning British news in Berlin. Other officials are Major Collett, British Army PIO, and Alex deGosson, French Information Officer. The Russian Press Attache Beburow, a second secretary of the embassy, may not be of much help, but he is more available than any of the East German officials.

### LONDON IN SEVEN DAYS

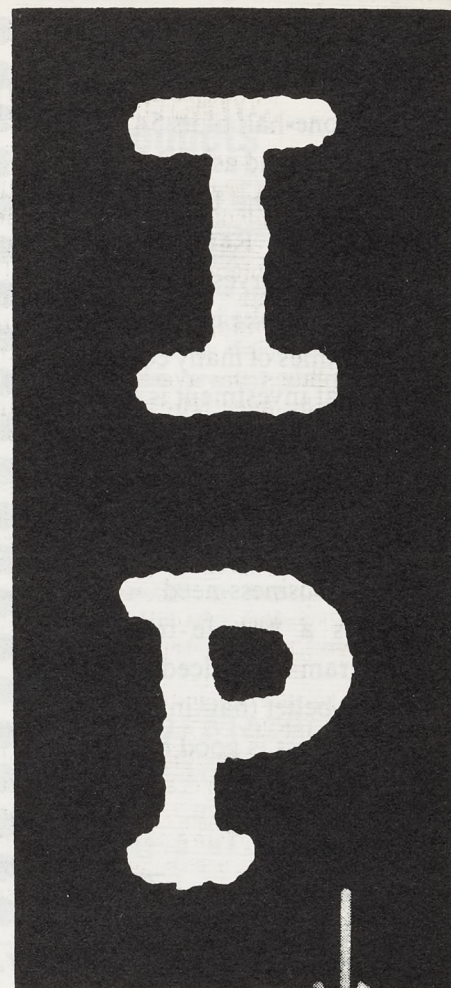
David Burk has listed places to eat, drink and see in London in *London in Seven Days*, published last week by Robert McBride.

Burk, a staff feature writer for the *N.Y. Daily News*, has been associated with Fleet Street for twenty years as a staffer on London's *Daily Express*, *Daily Mail* and *News Chronicle*.

### HALL AT NBC NEW YORK

Wilson Hall, former NBC correspondent in Cairo, has been assigned to NBC News in New York after extended hospitalization. He returned from Cairo last December because of illness.

His wife, Lee, who worked with him in Cairo, is doing the news spot on WRCA-TV's "Sunday Schedule," Sundays from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.



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Ben Welles, N.Y. Times, is due to come out of Madrid early next month to spend his home leave in the States. His leave will span three months.

### HELPFUL HINTS (Continued from p 1)

seats, and comes in handy as a life preserver.

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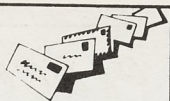
A souvenir sewing kit from the Desert Inn at Las Vegas has served nobly in patching torn pants and replacing buttons at dignified functions where buttons were part of the required dress.

Always carry a pencil along with your ball points or pens. They can be sharpened when broken; pens can't. Loose-leaf notebooks with unlined paper preferred: Pages can be removed, notes typed on them and replaced for future reference and background material.

Write everything down; never trust your memory. Get a repeat on anything that is dubious. It may save you trouble and a libel suit later on."



## LETTERS



Dear Editor,

I was very pleased with the "Newsman's Guide to France" in the June 8 *Overseas Press Bulletin*. We would like OPC members to know that the French Government Tourist Office in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Montreal is always ready to assist with information and guidance on travel to and in France.

Norman Reader  
Public Information Director  
New York

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Dear Editor,

How many correspondents of World War I are on the OPC roster? I hope to round up some of the old-timers for my forthcoming book about the newspapermen who covered this war.

Does any OPCer know why Wythe Williams' A.E.F. credentials were revoked by General Pershing in Feb., 1918? (Williams was one of three correspondents to be kicked out; the others were Heywood Brown and Reginald Wright Kauffman.)

Does any OPCer recall the Paris restaurant where the correspondents gave a dinner for Floyd Gibbons in July or August, 1918, on the eve of his departure for a lecture tour in the U.S.?

Who recalls the correspondents' mess at Neufchateau? The Press Headquarters at Meaux? Bar-le-Duc? The Press Office at 10 Rue Ste. Anne? The ceremonies at Lafayette's tomb in Picpus Cemetery when Paymaster Stanton (not Pershing!) said: "Lafayette, we are here!"

Old-timers who recall the 1914-1918 years are invited to get in touch with me.

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New Haven, Conn. Emmet Crozier

### NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

#### ACTIVE

Alberto R. Cellario, *Time*, Inc.  
Angus Deming, United Press - France  
Morrie S. Helitzer, McGraw Hill - Germany  
William Pain, *Time*, Inc.  
Robert S. Rodwin, *News of the Day*

#### ASSOCIATE

Michel Cieplinski, Newsletter  
Franklin L. Gregory, Newark Star-Ledger  
Betty Pepis, Roy Bernard Co.  
Nils C.G. Rasmussen, ABC  
Joseph B. Scholnick  
James H. Walter, Shell Oil Co.

Bill Jorden, N.Y. *Times* Moscow bureau chief, will fly home the end of July to join his wife and son at Martha's Vineyard.

## U.N. HUNGARIAN REPORT TO BE DISCUSSED JULY 9

A panel discussion of the United Nations Report on the Hungarian Revolt in honor of Hungarian newsmen who were killed or imprisoned during the revolt will be held at the OPC July 9.

Participating in the discussion, held in cooperation with the International Federation of Free Journalists, will be Hon. C.D. Jackson, *Time-Life*, Inc., and former president of Free Europe Committee of Psychological Warfare Board; Diana Trilling, Congress for Cultural Freedom; George Ionescu, vice president of IFFJ; Andre Marton, former Budapest correspondent for AP; and Louis P. Lochner, chairman of OPC Freedom of the Press Committee. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., buffet supper.

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS PLACEMENT

Chet Shaw, Ralph Major, Grace Naimsmith, Ken Giniger, John McTigue, and Will Oursler. Chairman: Egbert White; vice chairman: Oliver Gramling.

### HOSPITALITY

Bill Berns, Lawrence Blochman, Patricia Hartwell, Matthew Huttner, Will Oursler, Jean Baer, Arthur Milton, Isabel Leighton, Nola Luxford, Lin Root, Madeline D. Ross, Columbia Rossi, Dorothy Omansky, Joseph D. Ryle, James Sheldon, Horace Sutton, Robert Kane and Larry LeSueur. Chairman: Kathryn Cravens.

## Universal Oil Products Company

—through its vice president in charge of research — says scientists should not be used as "bottle washers." They cannot be assigned jobs below their abilities if industry is to solve the present shortage of scientific and engineering manpower. Col. J. C. Raaen recently told an American Management Association meeting.

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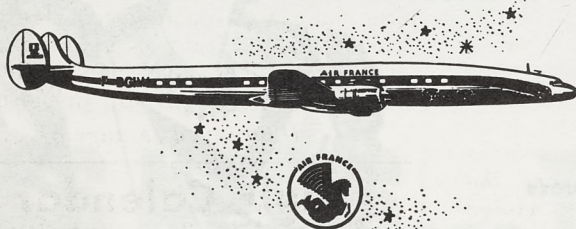
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